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SUBJECT: SOVIET LETTER ON BERLIN REPRESENTATION IN UN

REF: A) BONN 9899; B) STATE 130777; C) BONN 9331

1. DEPARTMENT PREFERS THAT WESTERN POWERS WORK, AS THEY DID IN CONNECTION SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN JUNE, TO AVOID STIMULATING CONTROVERSIAL DEBATE IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL ON GDR AND FRG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. UNLESS SOVIETS OR THEIR ALLIES RAISE QUESTION OF BERLIN DURING DEBATE, WE WOULD FAVOR AVOIDING THE ISSUE. IN ANY
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CASE, WE QUESTION DESIRABILITY OF PLANNING NOW TO INSERT

MATERIAL INTO ALLIED STATEMENTS, NO MATTER HOW MILD, ON BERLIN REPRESENTATION. SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD SIGNAL CONTRAST BETWEEN TREATMENT OF EAST AND WEST BERLIN AND WOULD BE LIKELY TO DRAW COMMUNIST RESPONSES. THIS COULD ENDANGER POSITIVE CONSENSUS ON TWO GERMAN APPLICATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT WESTERN POWERS SHOULD BE READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT WEST BERLIN OR REBUT ANYTHING SOVIETS MIGHT SAY IN GA ON THIS SUBJECT. PERHAPS ONE OR TWO CONTINGENCY STATEMENTS ON BERLIN ISSUE COULD BE DRAFTED IN ADVANCE BY BONN GROUP. BRITISH SUGGESTED LANGUAGE (PARA 3, REFTEL A) NEEDS REFINEMENT BUT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AS ONE SUCH STATEMENT.

3. WE CONTINUE FOR REASONS STATED IN REFTEL B, TO OPPOSE ANY KIND OF WRITTEN RESPONSE TO MALIK LETTER ON BERLIN REPRESENTATION. RUSH

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